

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

DIRECTIVE 042

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, issued a Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that transmission occurs through both droplet and airborne transmission, where droplet transmission occurs when a person is in close proximity to someone who is infected with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, infectious disease and public health experts advised that minimizing interpersonal contact slows the rate at which the disease spreads, and is necessary to avoid overwhelming healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Clark County and Washoe County both reported the first known cases of COVID-19 in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

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WHEREAS, Nevada's hospitalization rate for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases has trended downward since mid-January 2021; and

WHEREAS, as of mid-March 2021, the number of COVID-19 cases has continued to trend downward; and

WHEREAS, youth participation in recreational and competitive sports promotes healthy connections with other caring adults who are trained to detect youth distress and signs of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, re-engaging in sports activity in a balanced way has physical, mental, and psychological benefits for youth and adults, including overall fitness and well-being; reducing isolation; and returning to a more structured routine and healthy interaction; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, I formed a medical advisory team ("MAT") to provide medical guidance and scientifically based recommendations on measures Nevada could implement to better contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2021, I requested the MAT to review recommendations related to sports and the relative risks of COVID-19 transmission posed by various sports; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2021, the MAT issued a new recommendation related to opening up full-contact sports; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.060 outlines powers and duties delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, directing and controlling the conduct of the general public and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic during, before and after exercises or an emergency or disaster, public meetings or gatherings; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.070 outlines additional powers delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, enforcing all laws and regulations relating to emergency management and assuming direct operational control of any or all forces, including, without limitation, volunteers and auxiliary staff for emergency management in the State; providing for and compelling the evacuation of all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened area or areas within the State and to take such steps as are necessary for the receipt and care of those persons; and performing and exercising such other functions, powers and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nevada and the United States, and pursuant to the March 12, 2020, Emergency Declaration,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

SECTION 1: The limitations imposed by previous Directives or regulations are hereby superseded by the explicit provisions of this Directive. Any provisions not addressed by this Directive shall remain in force as provided by previous Directives or regulations promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency.

SECTION 2: Effective March 30, 2021, Section 7 of Directive 034 is terminated. Full-contact and close-contact sports, as defined by Section 2 of Directive 039 ("Full-contact Sports") that are governed and regulated by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association ("NIAA") shall continue pursuant to Section 6 of Directive 038. Full-contact Sports that are not governed and regulated by the NIAA may resume subject to Section 3 of this Directive.

SECTION 3: Effective March 30, 2021, Full-contact Sports may resume for practice and competitions, subject to the requirements set forth in Directive 034 including the requirement to adopt a Preparedness and

Safety Plan as set forth in Section 11 of Directive 034, for all organized leagues, clubs, and other associations beginning competitions, games, matches, or league play.


Full-contact Sports organizations, clubs, associations, and leagues must also implement a COVID-19 testing and mitigation plan prior to the commencement of competitions, games, matches, or league play. Organizers of Full-contact Sports are encouraged to work with their local health authority on developing a testing and mitigation plan. Organizers of Full-contact Sports planning on commencing competitions, games, matches or league play should review the Nevada Guidance for Adult & Youth Sports, updated March 30, 2021.

SECTION 4: This Directive shall become effective on March 30, 2021 and remain in effect until terminated by a subsequent Directive promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic or upon dissolution or lifting of the Declaration of Emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 29th day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-one.




Governor of the State of Nevada


Secretary of State

Deputy Secretary of State